

# Abbotsford Anglican Church

## St Andrew's

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Service of the Word and Prayer Form 1A

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, David, Karen, Linda

WELCOME - Karen

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE for Palm Sunday

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal  
procession

up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

*Psalm 118:26-29*

### Lift Up Your Heads

Michael Morrow

**1 Why should the gates of heaven be closed?**

**Is there no one pure?**

**Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?**

**Is there no one worthy?**

#### *Chorus*

**Look now! Lift up your heads!**

**The king is returning, the king is returning,**

**Jesus mighty to save!**

**Riding in glory,**

**Jesus, the conquering king!**

**2 See how he leads the ones he has freed**

**From the power of sin.**

**Joy on their face, they follow him in,**

**The redeemed are singing. *Chorus***

**3 Open, you gates, be lifted you doors,**

**Let the Son arise,**

**Heaven, be filled with anthems of joy**

**To the king of glory! *Chorus***

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD - Karen

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah 55:6–7*

We ought to admit our sins to God at all times, especially when we come together like this, to give thanks for the benefits we have received from him, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask him to supply whatever we need.

With this in mind, let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together:

**Merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways**

**like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much**

**the schemes and desires of our own hearts**

**and have broken your holy laws.**

**We have left undone**

**what we ought to have done,**

**and we have done**

**what we ought not to have done.**

**Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;**

**restore those who are repentant,**

**according to the promises**

**declared to us through your Son**

**Jesus Christ.**

**Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,**

**that from now on,**

**we may live godly and obedient lives,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God and loving Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel. Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives, and finally come to your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

## **Bible Readings – David**

Our two Bible readings this morning are from Zechariah Chapter 9 verses 9 and 10 and John Chapter 12 verses 12 to 16.

### **Zechariah 9:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the  
earth. (NIV)

### **John 12:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come  
for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way  
to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and  
went out to meet him, shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as  
it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;  
see, your king is coming,  
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all  
this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they  
realize that these things had been written about  
him and that these things had been done to him.  
(NIV)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SET PRAYER FOR THE DAY - Trevor**

Almighty, and everlasting God, in tender love  
towards mankind you sent your Son, our  
Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon  
him and to suffer death on the cross, that all  
mankind should follow the example of great

humility: grant that we may follow the example  
of his suffering, and also be made partakers of  
his resurrection; through him who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and  
for ever. **Amen.**

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### **BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor**

“Do not be afraid”

(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort)

### **Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!**

Henry H Milman (1791 - 1868)

**1 Ride on, ride on in majesty  
As all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry  
Through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Saviour, to be crucified.**

**2 Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
In lowly pomp ride on to die  
O Christ, your triumph now begin  
With captured death, and conquered sin!**

**3 Ride on, ride on in majesty  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
The last and fiercest foe defy  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**5 Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
In lowly pomp ride on to die  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, your power and reign!**

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### **WHAT WE BELIEVE – Karen**

Together, let us affirm with Christians across  
the ages what we believe...

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYING TO GOD - Rosemary

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray.  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Further Prayer* – Rosemary  
*Prayer for our world, community and church  
according to pages 77-87 in Common Prayer or  
suitable alternatives.*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care:  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth:  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and truth:  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord:  
**for we put our trust in you.**

**Announcements** – Trevor

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\*catholic = literally “of the whole,” universal, complete

## **What Love My God**

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

**What love my God would bring you down to  
earth  
What king would take a low and lonely birth  
Yet to this dark and broken place you came  
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made  
What love my God would send the way of life  
To walk the road, rejected and despised  
That you might know the weakness I possess  
And be my rock of strength and  
righteousness**

### *Chorus*

**O Your love my God like a flood  
As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
O praise the king who came to the world  
In his love like a mighty flood**

**What love my God could hold you to the tree  
To bear that overwhelming debt for me  
The son of heaven leaves the Father’s side  
The healer bleeds, the life was made to die**

### *Chorus*

**What love my God, so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see you face to face  
You raise me up to see you face to face**

### *Chorus x 2*

**In his love like a mighty flood**

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GOING OUT TO SERVE - Karen

Let us pray...

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love we are redeemed,  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service  
and live this week in love to one another and to  
you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**